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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH AND CHINA: TALKS IN RANGOON

1. DURING FEBRUARY 24 CALL ON FOREIGN SECRETARY FAKHRUDDIN AHMED, I ASKED ABOUT RELATIONS WITH CHINA. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID THAT TALKS WERE NOW BEING CONDUCTED IN RANGOON BETWEEN AMBASSADOR KAISER AND THE CHINESE THERE. THEY HAVE TAKEN ON A "MORE FORMAL" CHARACTER AND MORE RECENT ONES HAVE BEEN AT CHINESE INITIATIVE. HE ADDED THAT THESE TALKS SUGGEST THAT PAKISTANI-BENGALI RELATIONS LOOM INCREASINGLY LESS IMPORTANT IN CHINESE EYES AS THEY WEIGH SINO-BENGALI TIES AND THAT AMBASSADOR KAISER HAS BEEN MILDLY OPTIMISTIC IN ONE OF HIS LAST MESSAGES.

2. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY ADDED THAT THE BENGALI HAVE SOUGHT TO IMPRESS ON THE CHINESE THAT WHILE THE BDG CLEARLY WOULD WELCOME DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THE CHINESE, TRADE BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND CHINA NEED NOT AWAIT THEIR BEING ESTABLISHED. HE

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CONCLUDED, "BANGLADESH HAS TO BE PATIENT, JUST

AS THE CHINESE ARE PATIENT."
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